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COUNTRY INDIA/USSR/CHINA/PAKISTAN

SUBJECT

1. INDIAN PURCHASE OF MIG AIRCRAFT
2. INDIAN BORDER DISPUTE WITH PAKISTAN
CHINA

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"REFERRING TO PAKISTAN-CHINA TALKS ON BORDER DEMARCATION OF KASHMIR UNDER PAKISTAN ILLEGAL OCCUPATION AND SINKIANG, PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT PAKISTAN AND CHINA WERE NEGOTIATING TO HAVE AN UNHOLY-ALLIANCE TO DEMARCATHE THE BOUNDARIES WEST OF KARAKORAM OF SINKIANG REGION OF CHINA AND CONTIGUOUS AREAS OF INDIAN STATE OF KASHMIR UNDER ILLEGAL OCCUPATION WITH PAKISTAN WAS A DIRECT THREAT TO INDIA'S LEGAL SOVEREIGNTY OVER KASHMIR AND AN ACT OF AGGRESSION AGAINST THE

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THE SECURITY OF INDIA, TO WHICH BOTH PAKISTAN AND CHINA WERE PLANNING. PRIME MINISTER FURTHER APPRISED THAT DURING THE LAST 12 MONTHS CHINESE TROOPS HAD INTRUDED ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS INTO INDIAN TERRITORY; CONSTRUCTED ROADS CLOSE TO THE BORDER SECTOR IN THE MIDDLE AND EASTERN SECTORS AND WITHIN OUR TERRITORY IN THE WESTERN SECTOR NEAR LADAKH. CHINESE HAD ALSO SET UP NEW ARMY POSTS CLOSER TO THE BORDER COMPARED TO THOSE EXISTING IN THE PREVIOUS YEARS. THEREFORE, THE RELATIONS WITH CHINA, ALREADY STRAINED, TENDED TO WORSEN IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS. THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD, THEREFORE, VIEW SERIOUSLY THESE CHANGES AND TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO STRENGTHEN OUR FRONTIER LINES TO PUSH OUT THE AGGRESSORS FROM INDIAN SOIL.

"IN THIS CONNECTION THE PRIME MINISTER, HOWEVER, EMPHASIZED THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD STRIVE/ ^{THROUGH} ALL POSSIBLE AVENUES TO LIBERATE THOSE TERRITORIES WHICH WERE UNDER FORCEABLE OCCUPATION BY PAKISTAN AS WELL AS CHINA IN A FRIENDLY AND PEACEFUL WAY. HE POINTED OUT THAT ANY WAR ON THESE ISSUES WOULD NOT ONLY BE TREMENDOUSLY DISASTROUS BUT WOULD RETARD THE PROGRESS THAT INDIA HAD MADE SINCE OVER A DECADE. BUT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT COWDOWN TO THE THREATS OF THESE COUNTRIES AND LOSE OUR TERRITORIES.

"IN THIS CONNECTION THE PRIME MINISTER ALSO POINTED OUT THAT AS A RESULT OF FREE FLOW OF AMERICAN ARMS, WHICH ARE MODERN ARMS, TO PAKISTAN THERE WAS AN IMMINENT DANGER OF SURPRISE ATTACK FROM

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PAKISTAN SIDE UNLESS INDIA ALSO AUGMENTED ITS ARMS POSITION AND WAS FULLY PREPARED TO MEET THE CHALLENGE. THE PRIME MINISTER MADE A REFERENCE TO THE SOVIET UNION'S PROPOSAL FOR SUPPLY OF MIG TYPE SUPERSONIC FIGHTER AIRCRAFT AND SAID THAT THE PERFORMANCE OF THESE FIGHTER AIRCRAFT WERE REPORTED TO BE OF A SUPERIOR TYPE TO THAT OF F-104 FIGHTER AIRCRAFT SUPPLIED TO PAKISTAN BY THE UNITED STATES. THE SOVIET UNION HAS ALSO ASSURED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR MANUFACTURING THESE TYPES OF AIRCRAFT IN INDIA IN DUE COURSE. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT KEEPING IN VIEW OF THE GRAVITY OF THE SITUATION IN NORTHERN FRONTIER WHERE CHINESE WERE BUILDING UP ROADS AND AIR FIELDS AND INCREASING THEIR MILITARY STRENGTH ON ONE HAND AND PAKISTAN INTRANSIGENCE AND BELLIGERENT ATTITUDE ON THE OTHER HAND, THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA SHOULD KEEP VIGILANCE TO THESE CHANGES AND IN ORDER TO MEET ANY EVENTUALITY WE SHOULD PROCURE THESE AIRCRAFT TO MAKE OUR AIR FORCES STRONG ENOUGH TO REPEL THE ENEMY. THE PRIME MINISTER HOWEVER, MENTIONED THAT THE ANGLO-US WERE AVERSE TO THIS DEAL WITH RUSSIA AND WANTED US TO NEGOTIATE WITH THEM FOR OUR DEMANDS. BUT IN VIEW OF WHAT THEY HAD SUPPLIED TO PAKISTAN, INDIA FELT THAT PROCUREMENT OF SIMILAR TYPES OF AIRCRAFT OR ARMS FROM THESE COUNTRIES WOULD KEEP US IN A DISADVANTAGEOUS POSITION. HENCE THEIR PLEA WAS REJECTED."

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